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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/694,734

Applicant(s)

HOUSEL ET AL.

Examiner

Charles H Nolan, Jr.

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

A. Applicant is reminded of the duty to disclose prior art that is known to him. This includes prior art submitted in related applications assigned to the instant assignee.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-2,6-7,10,14-16,19,22,26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by EP 0 996 038 A1 to Canon.

With respect to Claims 1,6,10,14-16,19,22,27-28, Canon teaches the user interface 12 in column 2, lines 37-38, the specific sheet output destination among at least two output destinations (output trays)13-15 in figure 2 and paragraph [0009] of a group(entire print job) of a multiple sheet set in figures 3-4 prior to printing in paragraph [0012]. It is noted that the recitation of a group of sheets does not exclude the entire print job from being printed where the group is the entire print job. Further, Claims 7,10,14,16,19,22, 26-28 do not require that the print jobs be performed simultaneously. The Canon user may repeat the output tray selection as many times and on as many sheets of the print job as she desires. With respect to Claim 2, Canon teaches the input paper tray 1 in figure 2. With respect to Claims 14,26, Canon teaches the buttons 11(keyboard) in column 4. lines 43-45.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Canon.

With respect to Claim 3, it is noted that this claim recites aesthetic features not affecting the structure of the device. Canon teaches all the claim limitations except for the colored or tabbed media. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the appropriate media to complete a print job.

5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Canon in view of IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin NB 8106812.

With respect to Claim 8, Canon teaches all the claim limitations except for the jam handler. IBM teaches the jam handler in the "Disclosure Text." It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the jam handler of IBM into the invention of Canon to "shorten the time to problem resolution" as taught by IBM in the "Disclosure Text."

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4-5,9,11-13,17-18,20-21,23-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The Examiner reserves comment until the entire instant invention is in condition for allowance.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the currently rejected claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

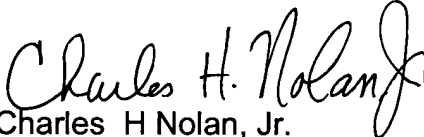
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles H Nolan, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-

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272-2171. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on 571-272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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